Attempt to commit suicide by a technical assistant of IARI

2216. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Technical Assistant of the Division of Agricultural Chemicals of the IARI had recently attempted to commit suicide at the Institute;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the incident to know as to whether there was any professional harassment which compelled him to take the extreme step; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Growth rate of foodgrains production

2217. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the rate of growth in percentage, of foodgrains production in the country from 1982-83 to 1985-86 year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Table below gives percentage growth in foodgrains production in the country yearwise during the period 1982-83 to 1985-86:—

Year	Percentage change in production of foodgrains over that of previous year
1982-83	—2·8
1983-84	17·6
1984-85	—4·5
1985-86	3·4

More powers to ISI inspectors

@2218. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently given more powers to Bureau of Indian Standard Inspectors to deal firmly with the growing fraudulent use of trade marks;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof;

(c) what is the number of cases of fraudulent use and misuse of standard trade mark which have been reported during the last six months; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government against the officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) (i) No, Sir. Additional powers to the nspecting Officers of the Bureau of Indian Standards (erstwhile Indian Standards Institution) have been given for dealing with improper use of Standard Mar kof the Bureau.

(ii) Bureau of Indian Standards does not deal with fraudulent use of trade marks.

(b) The additional powers to the Inspecting Officers of the Bureau for dealing with improper use of Standard Mark are detailed in Section 26(1), (2) and (3) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 and Rule 21(e) and (f) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 1987.

(c) and (d) Additional powers given have become effective from 1st April, 1987 with the establishment of the Bureau of Indian Standards under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986. No case has been filed in the court after 1 Apr., 1987 for fraudulent and misused of Standard Mark. During the last six

@Previously Unstarred Question 1438, transferred from 4th May, 1987.

six months however, 3 cases were filed in Courts in different parts of the country under the old ISI Certification Marks Act. These cases have not so far been disposed of by the concerned courts.

Major Irrigation projects in Maharashtra

2219. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 75 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th November, 1986 and state:

(a) what is the total number of major irrigation projects in Maharashtra; and

(b) what is the number of such major projects which are pending before the Central Government for clearance as on date?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The number of ongoing major irrigation projects in Maharashtra is 42.

(b) 19 ongoing major projects await clearance while report of one project has not been received.

Death of Cattle due to Rinderpest Disease

2220. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 8th April, 1987 to the effect that more than 700 cattle had succumbed to the deadly rinder pest disease while more than 2200 were affected in Surat City and parts of Olpad taluka;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far to save the cattle from this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the outbreak in Surat city which started on 12th December, 1986 a total of 2616 cattle and buffaloes were affected till 17th April, 1987 killing 718 of them. In some other parts of Surat district including Olpad taluka 23 outbreaks of rinderpest occurred affecting 460 cattle and buffaloes and killing 154 of them. Apart from this the neighbouring districts of Bulsar and Bhrooch were also affected during this period in four outbreaks killing 48 of the 74 affected animals.

(c) In the wake of these outbreaks the State Government have vaccinated 11,107 animals and given treatment to 951 others in the above districts, and as a whole 1.90 lakh animals were vaccinated in the State. The Government of India have sent an Expert Team from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute to advise and render help to the State Government in this context.

Change of Quarters in the DIZ Area on Medical Grounds

2221. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees of the Directorate of Estates, category-wise who have been allotted a permitted change of Government accommodation on the ground floor only in the D.I.Z. area New Delhi during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Government employees working in other Ministries/Departments are not given a change on the ground floor even on medical grounds;

(c) what was the number of cases for a change which had been rejected on medical grounds, category-wise, during the last two years; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Parliament Secretariat Pool quarters in D Sector Mandir Marg have been converted